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Dear Prof. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for sending us your piece from the Washington Post on "The Shadow of the Bomb." We are planning to use it as soon as possible, and are very interested in running your column on a regular basis.

Can you tell us how we might subscribe to your column? The Daily will resume publication this Friday, so we would like to make contact with your agent (if that is necessary) as soon as possible.

I have not read your column in recent weeks, but I wonder if your optimism concerning the prospects for nuclear disarmament has survived Chicago. It seems to me that the most popular reaction to the dissent which was registered in that city has been the equation of resistance at home with armed opposition abroad. I have heard several people, public figures and otherwise, talk about using "the force which is necessary" to quell both. Translated into material terms, this seems to mean nightsticks and mace in our cities and nuclear weapons in Vietnam.

This is partly just my personal reaction to having been in Chicago, but it seems clear that the mood of the country has shifted distinctly since the evening of August 28. I would like to know if the analysis that you offered in July might have been altered since the Democratic Convention.

I am sure that this is the kind of question that you will be dealing with in your column. We are looking forward to the opportunity to bring your commentary to the Stanford community.

Sincerely,

Diarmuid McGuire
Associate Editor

*I gave him
Lederberg's address etc. so
he could get it from
the medical center*

Diarmuid McGuire